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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement. Given the finding of facts in the Microsoft trial, I believe the proposed settlement is inadequate and will do little to change Microsoft's behavior in the future.

For instance, although the proposed settlement forbids Microsoft from retaliating at OEMs that ship computers with multiple operating systems; however, it has no provision for OEMs who ship computers with a single non-Microsoft operating system. In addition, the proposed settlement does not force Microsoft to release information about file formats, although Microsoft's use of undocumented file formats prevents competitors from entering the market.

More troubling, the proposed settlement allows Microsoft to keep secret anything relating to security or copy protection. However, almost any API can be made to have some relation to security, so this renders many of the other provisions useless.

I hope that the proposed settlement will be rejected or amended to ensure that Microsoft does not engage in anti-competitive behavior in the future.

Thank you for your time,
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